

## EYES TURNED ON MAINE NOW.

Murat Halstead Says Republicans Expect an Enormous Majority.

Reports, They Claim, Warrant Their Hope of Sweeping the State by 40,000.

Although the Best Record for a Presidential Year Is Not So Large.

REED AND BLACK AT LIMERICK.

The Speaker Made a Characteristically Witty Address—The Candidate for Governor of New York Appealed to Democrats.

By Murat Halstead.

Portland, Me., Sept. 8.—I have seen many Republicans to-day and have their figures and expectations and views of the several facts bearing on the State election next Monday. They say the highest Republican vote ever cast in the State was 76,000, and the highest straight Democratic vote 63,000. In 1894 there were 30,000 Democratic stay-at-homes, and the Republicans broke the record with the plurality of nearly 40,000.

In no Presidential year have the Republicans had a plurality of 20,000, and the claim that they will do as much this year is a promise of victory. However, they are evidently expecting to do much more, and have reports that warrant higher expectations.

As it is not disputed that the Republicans will carry the State, the interest centers in the size of the margin of the Republican plurality above the average in Presidential years. Some of Speaker Reed's friends claim that he will receive a larger majority than ever before, and may have 100,000. If he does, and there are like figures throughout the State, the Republicans will have 40,000 on the State ticket.

### No Republican Bolters.

Republicans deny that any citizens who have ever been known to be of their party are now silver men, and have a considerable list of Democrats to whom they point as recruits. I attended a McKinley flag-raising last night, where a prominent Democrat presided and made a fervid appeal. One specification is that in the home of Sewall, usually Republican by a majority of 450, the figure this year will be 600, and this was ascertained by a careful poll. Republicans would not be surprised if they carried the State by from thirty to forty thousand.

The Reed and Black meeting to-day at Limerick was attended by 3,000 people, and was the largest ever held in the place. It was notable for the large number of Democrats present. The close attention given at the meetings I have attended is remarkable. There is no question that the people here are profoundly interested and feel an unusual sense of responsibility. Reed's speech was shorter than usual, as Hillary Heath, Esq., of Augusta, spoke before him, and Black after. Reed's speech was characteristically witty, wholesome and formidable.

### Black Invites Democrats.

Black, the Republican candidate for Governor of New York, was born in York County and lived in Limerick in his youth and attended the academy there. He referred to his boyhood and did not enter into argument about the issues of the campaign. The one thing that was forcible as to the matters in hand was his appeal to Democrats to disregard regularity and aid in saving the country from a danger that threatened all good citizens.

Black is on the way home to-night. He expects to enter upon his campaign work in his own State speedily. Judging from his speech to-day, he has accepted the situation as one that commands something more than ordinary devotion to the higher motives of public action and treatment in a spirit of conciliation.

### RALLIES ALL OVER MAINE.

Democrats Working Hard and Hopeful of Polling More Than a Full Party Vote.

Portland, Me., Sept. 8.—About seventy rallies are being held all over Maine to-night. The Democrats apparently reserved all their effort for the close, for they are hustling things this week. Their gubernatorial candidate, Frank, has been doing great work and has traversed nearly the whole State. He will wind up his canvass in Portland, his home, the last of the week. City Hall was filled with a large crowd to-night who heard one of the most radical silver speeches ever delivered in Maine. The speaker was Allen O. Myers, of Ohio, and he handled the gold men and Wall Street without gloves. He was cheered to the echo. It is this enthusiastic silver sentiment that the Democratic campaign managers rely on to swell their vote on Monday, and they are very confident they will make a good showing.

They point to the fact that no money  
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## ARKANSAS A FORERUNNER.

Result Says Chairman Jones, Indicates What All the South and West Will Do.

Chicago, Sept. 8.  
To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal:

Private advices assure me that the estimates coming through the papers of 65,000 majority in Arkansas are reasonable. I anticipated a majority of something like 40,000. The interest in the present political contest is extraordinary, and this, I believe, accounts for this phenomenal majority. In addition to the extraordinary turnout of Democrats, we have doubtless had the votes of thousands of Republicans and Populists.

The result is, in my opinion, a forerunner of what will occur all over the South and West at the coming election, and plainly indicates what may be confidently expected.

JAMES K. JONES,  
Chairman of Democratic National Committee.



## ARKANSAS VOTE IS GROWING LARGER.

Democrats Now Claim a Clean Majority of over 65,000 to 70,000.

Populists Polled Their Strength on Local Tickets, but Many Voted for Jones for Governor.

NEGROES DESERTED THEIR OLD PARTY.

They Voted for Democratic State Candidates in Return for Support on Township Issues—Working of the Australian Ballot System.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 8.—A Democratic majority of 65,000 over both the Republican and Populist tickets is confidently claimed to-night by Chairman Armstrong, on the face of the returns received thus far, and it is believed that the majority may reach 70,000, in view of the remarkable decrease in the Populist vote.

The Populists polled their usual strength on local tickets in Nevada, Clark, White and Polk Counties, but many of them have voted for Jones, the Democratic candidate for Governor, who announced last winter that he would not support a gold man for President. The next Legislature will stand: Democrats, 118; Populists, 8; Republicans, 3. All the Democrats are pledged to vote for the re-election of James K. Jones to the United States Senate. In Mr. Jones's home county—Hempstead—the Populists and Republicans fused, but the Democrats carried the county.

Jones, for Governor, carries Little Rock and Pulaski County by twenty-five hundred. In Engle Township one hundred and fifty negroes voted the Democratic State and County tickets, in return for Democratic support of their township ticket. Similar trades were made in several counties where there is a large negro vote. In this county Jones, for Governor, ran one hundred and fifty votes behind the State ticket, and the presumption is that he failed to receive the support of the small gold wing of the party. Some of the latter openly voted for Rummel, the Republican nominee.

To-night's returns show that the greatest Democratic gains were in Polk, Greene, Craighead, Pulaski, Sharp, Garland and Prairie counties.

### "Illinois Will Do Likewise."

Chairman Armstrong has received telegrams of congratulation from all parts of the Union to-day. A few of them are: St. Louis, Ill., Sept. 8. Carroll Armstrong, Chairman Democratic State Central Committee: The Bryan Club, of St. Louis, the old home of William Jennings Bryan, sends greetings to Democrats of Arkansas.

Illinois will do likewise November 3. D. R. MARTIN, President. Chicago, Ill., Sept. 8, 1896. Carroll Armstrong, Little Rock, Ark.: Accept my congratulations on the magnificent result under your splendid management.

It is gratifying, not only to all citizens of Arkansas, but to the Democracy of the nation, that the State has, by its vote yesterday, shown its devotion to the great principles at stake in this contest and fairly indicated what is to be expected in the South and West in the November election.

JAMES K. JONES, Washington, D. C., Sept. 8. Carroll Armstrong, Chairman Democratic State Central Committee: Permit us to congratulate you on the magnificent silver victory achieved in your State yesterday.

It is significant only of the fact that when the issue is squarely made between silver and gold, the people are not only in favor of the position of Democracy, but enthusiastically determined to show their sentiments by their votes. CHARLES J. PATLAKNER, Chairman National Congressional Committee. Chairman Armstrong says: "Judging from the returns received, I

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## GIRL NEARLY KILLED BY A DARING THIEF.

Mary Hoffman, of West Winsted, Conn., Lying at the Point of Death.

A Man Enters Her Father's House in the Daytime and Attacks Her.

BURGLAR GETS LITTLE BOOTY.

Secures Two Rings and a Watch, but Drops a Quantity of Silverware—Had a Confederate and They Drove Away in a Buggy.

West Winsted, Conn., Sept. 8.—One of the boldest daylight burglaries in the history of Northwestern Connecticut was committed here this afternoon at the home of Robert Hoffman, on the corner of Oak and Beach streets, in the northern part of the town. Two diamond rings and a gold watch were missing, and Mary, the eighteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoffman, may die from the effects of injuries inflicted by the thief, who is still at large.

Miss Hoffman was found in a hallway on the first floor by her brother Francis, bound hand and foot, and in an unconscious condition. Beside her lay a slungshot made of black calico with a small stone inclosed in one end. After the Hoffman family had finished their meal, this noon, all the members, with the exception of Mary and Francis, left home—Hoffman to the factory of the Gilbert Clock Company, where he is employed.

Francis, who is fifteen years old, worked about the garden until shortly before 3 o'clock, when he entered the house for a drink of water. Scarcely had he passed the threshold of the door when he heard a low moaning as if somebody was in great pain. He went to the hallway and found his sister lying on the floor with both of her hands tied with a piece of rope and her feet tied with a leather shawl strap. Her face was pale and her teeth were set.

"Sister, sister," cried Francis. Occasionally the girl would say: "Don't take my rings; my father's papers are no good to you." But she soon became unconscious.

Francis notified the neighbors of what had happened, and while he went after his father and mother the rope and strap were removed from the girl's hands and feet, and Dr. W. S. Hulbert and Dr. S. G. Howd were summoned. No marks of violence were found on the girl's body, but the physicians say her condition is critical to-night.

Mrs. Edwin Bailey, who lives nearly opposite the Hoffman house, says she saw a man with a red mustache and dark hair leave the house at 2:30 p. m. and drive away in a northerly direction with another man. This is the only clue the police have to work on, and the authorities in the surrounding towns have been notified to keep a lookout for the thief.

### Left Part of His Plunder.

The burglar must have been frightened away, as the stairway leading to the cellar was strewn with silverware, dropped by the thief in his haste. The hatchway door leading out of the cellar was found open, which shows the way he escaped.

The booty taken by the burglar belonged to the injured girl, and was taken from her. The general supposition is that the man was discovered by Miss Hoffman while unmaking the house. In November last Mary Hoffman was thrown out of a wagon and injured her skull. She never fully recovered from the effects of the fall. Hoffman has lived here fifteen years and is worth considerable money.

The police are in hopes that the girl will recover consciousness enough to throw some light on the mystery, but the doctors entertain little hope for her recovery.

### AERONAUT DASHED TO PIECES.

Fatal Jump in the Presence of a Crowd at a Fair in Canada.

Chateaugay, N. Y., Sept. 8.—The aeronaut who made the ascension at the Huntingdon (Canada) Fair, was killed by falling from the balloon.

After reaching a great height, he jumped, the parachute having failed to work, and was dashed to pieces in the presence of the crowd.

## NOT A CLUE TO TELL HOW SHE MET DEATH.

Mystery Surrounds the Fate of Mrs. Barbara Bley, Found in a Wood.

Dense Forest All About; Wrist Tied by a Cord; Ten Handkerchiefs Nearby.

Even the Daughter, Who Identified the Body, Can Shed No Light on the Strange Case.

FOUND BY SOME SQUIRREL HUNTERS.

The Woman Had Acted Strangely and Was Given to Wandering About—Her Daughters Had Sought Her for Weeks.

The woman found dead in Pugsley's Woods, a few miles from New Rochelle, on Monday, was identified yesterday as Mrs. Barbara Bley, fifty-two years of age, who, up to within a few months ago, had lived in New Rochelle.

The police of New Rochelle are at an utter loss to account for the tragedy, and there seems no clue upon which to work for a solution.

She was last seen alive June 1, on which day, it is supposed, she met her death. The condition of the body indicates that she has been dead more than two months.

The body was found three miles from town and half a mile from the roadway in a dense wood. It was a rocky elevation, extremely difficult of access, and seldom visited except by tramps. About the right wrist was twisted and double tied a cloth cord, similar to the binding of a woman's skirt. There was a knot on the under side and another on the upper side. While it might have been possible for her to have tied these with her teeth, it seems improbable. The bonnet lay several feet from the body, and distributed within a radius of a few feet were ten white pocket-handkerchiefs. Two of these were knotted together and tied to the limb of a tree several feet above her head.

How these handkerchiefs came there cannot even be guessed. Some think the woman was ill, and tied them there as a signal. But so dense is the wood that they could not be seen more than a few rods.

Cornet Bunting made a careful examination of the spot yesterday afternoon and found four teeth beside the rock on which the woman's head had rested. They may have dropped out from the effects of decomposition or have been knocked out by a blow.

The identification was made in the afternoon by the woman's daughter, Miss Laura Herring, of No. 150 Webster avenue, New Rochelle. She recognized one handkerchief as belonging to herself. Another, bearing the initials "R. L. D.," she could not identify. She described the clothing she last saw her mother wear, and it tallied with that of the dead woman. Miss Herring also recognized her purse, which contained forty-eight cents, a pawn ticket for a plush shawl, and a railway ticket from Mount Vernon, and a railway ticket from Mount Vernon, and a railway ticket from Mount Vernon.

Miss Herring said that five years ago her mother married a carpenter named John Bley, and she and her father began to act strangely. Her second marriage was not a happy one, and after living with her a few years Mrs. Bley disappeared.

After her disappearance Mrs. Herring, who is now married, said she did not know her mother had an enemy in the world. She Herring does not think, therefore, that her mother was murdered, as she cannot imagine who would be benefited by her death.

It was said yesterday that Mrs. Bley was seen on the road bordering on the woods on the morning of June 1, but no one could be found who had seen her. Walter Beaton, John Dagman and John Flanagan, who found the remains, were squirrel hunters.

The inquest will be held Saturday night. The funeral will be held to-day at Davies's undertaking shop, where the body was taken.

### WHOLE TOWN IN TERROR.

Agitation in Favor of Free Turnpikes Has Resulted in a Reign of Anarchy in Springfield, Ky.

Springfield, Ky., Sept. 8.—The agitation in favor of free turnpikes in this county has caused a reign of anarchy and terror. Toll-gates have been blown up and the horns of men who opposed freeing the roads burned.

For the past two nights armed bands have been riding around destroying property at will. The sheriffs and posse and the town marshals and deputies are scouring the country. Several arrests have been made, but without effect. Yesterday at dusk Joseph Settle was arrested and brought to the jail here. A threat to burn the town was soon put into execution. The large tobacco warehouse of P. W. McLaughlin, a member from the county house, being set on fire. Sixty thousand pounds of tobacco were destroyed.

To-day has been one of suspense. Business was practically at a standstill. Sunday night an attack was made on the toll-gate held by Mr. Wells. Wells fired upon the men, wounding one. Sheriff Craycroft is determined to suppress the lawlessness, and says if he cannot he will call upon Governor Bradley for a detail of militia.

### Mother of Quadruplets Is Dead.

Bridgeport, Conn., Sept. 8.—Mrs. M. G. Stickle, of Stratford, who a year ago gave birth to twins and a few weeks ago to quadruplets, died this afternoon of typhoid fever. The four infants are all alive and appear to be flourishing. Stickle, who is a farmer, is poor and is much in need of money and clothes. Several rich families have offered to adopt the babies, but their father refuses to part with them.



## NEW ROCHELLE HAS A MURDER MYSTERY.

The cross in the circular picture shows the spot in the woods near that town where the body of Mrs. Barbara Bley (formerly Herring) was found. The two handkerchiefs found tied to a limb of a tree above the body are supposed by some to have been a signal of distress. A daughter identified the body by one of the handkerchiefs found near it. A pawn ticket was in the woman's pocketbook. She had been dead several weeks, at least, and the police fear she was the victim of tramps.

## DEATH'S HEAD ON THE BOTTLE TOLD ALL.

All but the Name of the Woman Suicide and That's a Mystery.

Bicyclist Saw Her Acting Strangely in Bronx Park and Rode Hard for Assistance.

LIFE GONE WHEN HE RETURNED.

Carbolic Acid Had Proved Fatal—Before the Fatal Draught She Had Destroyed Every Clue to Her Identity.

A well-dressed woman, about fifty years old, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid in Bronx Park late yesterday afternoon, destroying at the same time everything that might give the slightest clue to her identity. The place she selected was an apple orchard near the old Lorrain mansion, about three blocks from the Bedford Park Station.

Policeman Mooney, of the Park Police, saw the woman sitting on a boulder, reading the Century Magazine for June, as he passed the spot at 2 o'clock. About an hour later James J. Skinner, of Bedford Park, rode by the place on a bicycle. He saw the woman acting strangely, and came to the conclusion that she was ill.

He rode his hardest for assistance. The first man he met was Park Policeman McGovern, and together they rushed to the spot, arriving just in time to see the woman breathe her last. She had fallen sideways.

There was a strong smell of carbolic acid in the air and the woman's mouth, neck and hands were badly burned by the acid. Two broken bottles and a broken glass lay at her feet. One bottle had originally contained the acid. A portion of the ordinary poison label was on one of the fragments, but little more than the death's head warning remained. The name and address of the drug store where it had been purchased had been obliterated. The other bottle was a whiskey flask and the glass was a common beer glass.

The indications are that the suicide mixed the acid with whiskey in the small glass. Nothing that would give the faintest

## NEW AMERICAN COUNTESS

The Engagement of Miss Lillie Zizina to Count Oliver de Kermel Announced.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Lillie Zizina to Count Oliver de Kermel, only son of the Marquis de Kermel. No date has as yet been set for the wedding, but it is understood that the ceremony will take place early in May next.

The Zizina family has long held an accepted position in New York society. The Count de Kermel is a native of France and came to this country while a young man. He was identified for more than twenty-five years with the cotton market and was senior member of the firm of Thomas Zizina & Co. For eighteen years he held an interest in the firm of Hall Brothers, at No. 13 Old slip. He was also a member of the Cotton Exchange. At the time of his death he was reported to be very wealthy.

He built his summer home in Belmar more than twenty years ago. Of late Count de Kermel has been a frequent visitor there. During the season just ending he and Miss Zizina together attended nearly every social event of importance until the death of Mr. Zizina. Since then the family has been in deep mourning, but the announcement of the engagement at this time comes. It is said, as the result of the special request of the father.

The family of the Count de Kermel is said to be of very ancient and respected lineage. Most of his time when he is in his native land is spent in Paris, and he has not been at his country residence for several seasons. He has travelled extensively in this country.

Miss Zizina, a tall, stately girl, suggests the best type of Grecian beauty. Her hair is Auburn and her eyes are blue. Her mother is an English lady.

## SILVER PARTY NOTIFIES BRYAN.

Officially Informed of His Nomination for President.

Nearly All Lincoln Witnesses the Ceremonies in Capitol Square.

Democratic Champion Is Now the Candidate of Three Political Organizations.

GIVEN AN OVATION BY NEIGHBORS.

Cannon Boomed, Rockets Burned and Thousands of People Cheer in Honor of the Nominee—He Makes Two Speeches.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 8.—William Jennings Bryan, the nominee of the Democratic

party, for President, was to-night officially informed of his nomination by the silver party for the Presidency by the committee selected by the St. Louis convention. The ceremony took place on the State Capitol grounds, in the presence of 12,000 citizens of the district that he represented in Congress.

The formal notification was preceded by a display of fireworks and a parade of the uniformed clubs of Lincoln, and the surrounding towns. The hour set for the notification was 8 o'clock. It was not until 9:30, however, before Chairman George A. Groat, of the silver party Notification Committee, formally notified the nominee. The delay was caused by the procession, which when it was arranged, had been intended merely as an escort for the nominee.

In place, however, of an escort of 230, as intended, the visiting clubs and others swelled the number to almost 5,000, and the procession was late. The Home Guards and the Lincoln Flambeau Club acted as the escort about Mr. Bryan's carriage from the Lincoln Hotel to the State House grounds.

The line of march was one continuous ovation, thousands of visitors unable to obtain places of vantage at the State grounds having secured positions along the route of the procession. The carriages in which Mr. Bryan and party were driven was the same used at the morning reception, and was decorated with flags.

It was 9 o'clock when the procession reached the State grounds. All along the line a display of fireworks by the thousands at the grounds, who had noted the progress of the procession as the rockets bursting in the air told of its advance. When the head of the column of torch-bearers approached on the broad avenue leading to the Capitol the cannon on the grounds fired a salute, further down the street another responded, and in the last quarter of a mile the rockets, Roman candles, cannon and the cheers of the multitude combined to make an occasion never to be forgotten in Lincoln.

As the carriage with the candidate came up the avenue provided for vehicles the cheers were deafening. From the balcony of the State House, draped in the national colors, women of Lincoln stood cheering, while the farmers, who had come miles, waved their hats and shouted for Bryan. From the streets leading to the grounds where the torch-bearers had halted came cheer after cheer. When Mr. Bryan stepped to the platform it was several minutes before the cheering subsided.

Norris Humphrey, who presided, introduced Chairman Groat, of the silver party Notification Committee. At the first